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**Office Action Summary**

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 December 0203.  
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.  
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.  
7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.  
8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11.  
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)  
6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

**DETAILED ACTION**

1. This is in response to the Response to Office Action filed on 12/1/203 (paper #12).

Claims 1-24 are presented for examination.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Budge et al., US pat. No.6,564,248.

As to claim 1, Budge discloses a system comprising:

a network and a first client (sub-system 2 of fig.1) having a first email messaging program (50 fig.1) installed thereon on which a composing user composes a message and records media, the first email messaging program sending the message to a receiving user over the network (see abstract, figs.1, 2B, 2C, col.3 line 17 to col.4 line 49).

a second client (receiving sub-system 4 of fig.1) having a second email messaging program (using same software program in fig.2B for receiving sub-system 4 of fig.1) installed thereon on which the receiving user receives the message over the network, the second email messaging program playing back the media upon the user viewing the message (i.e., playing

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back the audio and video portions of the received video email, see figs.5, 6, col.3 line 17 to col.4 line 49, col.5 line 12 to col.6 line 54).

As to claim 2, Budge discloses a streaming media server, the first email messaging program uploading the media to the streaming media server upon the message being sent to the receiving user over the network, and the second email messaging program downloading the media from the streaming media server over the network upon the receiving user viewing the message (see fig.5, col.5 line 12 to col.6 line 54).

As to claims 3, 11, 14, Budge further discloses an email messaging program attaches the media as an attachment to the message upon the message being sent to the receiving user over the network, and the second email messaging program receives the media as the attachment to the message over the network (i.e., sending email with an attach executable video email player, see col.3 line 54 to col.4 line 49 and col.5 line 26 to col.6 line 54).

As to claims 4, Budge discloses at least one of: the Internet, an intranet, an extranet, a local-area network (LAN), a wide-area network (WAN), a wired network, a wireless network, and a telephony network (see col.3 lines 7-53).

As to claim 5, Budge discloses at least one of the first clients and the second client comprises: a desktop computer, a laptop computer, a cellular phone, a wireless phone, a set-top box, and a personal digital assistant (PDA) device (see col.3 line 17 to col.4 line 49).

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As to claims 6 and 7, Budge discloses text and at least one of: audio, video, streaming audio and streaming video (see col.5 line 26 to col.6 line 54).

As to claim 8, Budge discloses a system comprising:

a networking mechanism communicatively coupling the system to a network (Internet, col.4 lines 5-29).

an email messaging program (50 fig.1) having at least a composing capability for a user (sending sub-system 2 of fig.1) to compose a message and record media associated with the message to send to another user over the network via the networking mechanism (see abstract, figs.1, 2B, 2C, col.3 line 17 to col.4 line 49 and col.5 lines 26-67).

As to claim 9, Budge discloses an operating system on which the email messaging program runs (see col.4 line 31 to col.5 line 58 and col.6 lines 1-54).

As to claim 10, Budge discloses capability uploads the media to a streaming media server communicatively coupled to the network over the network via the networking mechanism upon the message being sent to the other user over the network via the networking mechanism (see figs.4, 5, col.5 line 12 to col.6 line 54).

As to claims 12 and 13, Budge discloses a playback capability for the user to view messages received from other users over the network via the networking mechanism and play back

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received media associated with the messages received and downloading the media associated with one of the messages received from the streaming media server over the network via the networking mechanism upon the user viewing the one of the messages received (i.e., playing back the audio and video portions of the received video email, see figs.4, 5, col.3 line 17 to col.4 line 49).

As to claim 15, Budge discloses at least one of: an analog modem, an Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) adapter, a network adapter card, a network adapter chipset, a cable modem, a Digital Subscriber Loop (DSL) modem, a digital modem, and a wireless modem (see col.3 line 6 to col.4 line 49).

Claims 16 and 17 are rejected for the same reasons set forth in claims 6 and 7 respectively.

As to claim 18, Budge discloses a method comprising:

saving a message entered by a user by an email messaging program (see abstract, figs.1, 2B, 2C, col.3 line 17 to col.4 line 49).

recording media associated with the message by the email messaging program, uploading the media to a streaming media server over a network by the email messaging program (50 fig.1) and sending the message over the network by the email messaging program (see figs.1, 3, col.4 line 50 to col.6 line 54).

As to claim 19, Budge discloses receiving a second message over the network by the email messaging program in response to a user requesting the email messaging program to display the second message, displaying the second message by the email messaging program, downloading second media associated with the message from the streaming media server over the network by the email messaging program and playing back the second media by the email messaging program (i.e., playing back the audio and video portions of the received video email, see figs.4, 5, col.3 line 17 to col.4 line 49).

Claim 20 is rejected for the same reasons set forth in claim 18. As to the added limitation, Budge discloses sending the media as an attachment to the message (i.e., sending email with an attach executable video email player, see col.3 line 54 to col.4 line 49 and col.5 line 26 to col.6 line 54).

As to claim 21, Budge discloses receiving a second message over the network by the email messaging program; in response to a user requesting the email messaging program to display the second message, displaying the second message by the email messaging program, downloading second media associated with the message from the streaming media server over the network by the email messaging program and playing back the second media by the email messaging program (i.e., playing back the audio and video portions of the received video email, see figs.5, 6, col.3 line 17 to col.4 line 49, col.5 line 12 to col.6 line 54).

As to claim 22, Budge discloses a computer-readable medium having instructions stored thereon for an email messaging program comprising:

Means for composing a first message by a first user (1 fig.1) and for recording first media associated with the first message to send to a second user (4 fig.1) over a network (see abstract, figs.1, 2B, 2C, col.3 line 17 to col.4 line 49).

means for viewing a second message received from the second user over the network by the first user, and for playing back second media associated with the second message (i.e., playing back the audio and video portions of the received video email, see figs.5, 6, col.3 line 17 to col.4 line 49, col.5 line 12 to col.6 line 54).

As to claim 23, Budge discloses uploading the first media to a streaming media server communicatively coupled to the network over the network upon the first message being sent to the second user over the network, and the means for viewing and for playing back downloads the second media from the streaming media server over the network upon the first user viewing the second message (i.e., playing back the audio and video portions of the received video email, see figs.5, 6, col.3 line 17 to col.4 line 49, col.5 line 12 to col.6 line 54).

Claim 24 is rejected for the same reasons set forth in claim 20.

#### ***Response to Arguments***

4. Applicant's arguments filed on 12/1/2003 (paper # 12) have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant asserts that the Budge reference does not disclose a first email program on which a composing user composes a message and records media, the first email messaging



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program sending the message to a receiving user over the network and a second client having a second email messaging program which the receiving user receives the message over the network, the second email messaging program playing back the media upon the user viewing the message.

*Examiner respectfully disagrees. Budge explicitly discloses a first client (sub-system 2 of fig.1) having a first email messaging program (i.e., using 50 fig.1 to provide the creation of video email messages and transferring of those email messages to a conventional email client) installed thereon on which a composing user composes a message and records media, the first email messaging program sending the message to a receiving user over the network (see abstract, figs.1, 2B, 2C, col.3 line 17 to col.4 line 49) and a second client (using the receiving sub-system 4 of fig.1 to receive and playback video email messages) having a second email messaging program (using same software program in fig.2B for receiving sub-system 4 of fig.1) installed thereon on which the receiving user receives the message over the network, the second email messaging program playing back the media upon the user viewing the message (i.e., playing back the audio and video portions of the received video email, see figs.5, 6, col.3 line 17 to col.4 line 49, col.5 line 12 to col.6 line 54) as rejected above.*

- Applicant further asserts that there is no motivation or a prima facie case of obviousness under 35 USC 103 in claim 1.

*Examiner respectfully point out that there is no 35 USC 103 rejection in claim 1.*

*Claim 1 is rejected under 35 USC 102(e) (please see the Office Action mailed on 9/8/2003, paper # 10).*

- Applicant further asserts that the Budge does not disclose saving a message entered by a user by an email messaging program and recording media associated with the message by the email messaging program, uploading the media to a streaming media server over a network by the email messaging program.

*Examiner respectfully point out that Budge discloses saving a message entered by a user by an email messaging program (i.e., using 50 fig.1 to provide the creation of video email messages and transferring of those email messages to a conventional email client, see abstract, figs.1, 2B, 2C, col.3 line 17 to col.4 line 49) and recording media associated with the message by the email messaging program, uploading the media to a streaming media server over a network by the email messaging program (50 fig.1) (i.e., playing back the audio and video portions of the received video email and using the recorder 210 of fig.3 to compress audio and video data streams to maintain synchronism between the video and audio portions of email messages, see fig.3, col.4 line 50 to col.6 line 54) as rejected above.*

- Applicant further asserts that the Budge does not disclose means for composing a first message by a first user and for recording first media associated with the first message to send to a second user over a network and means for viewing a second message received from the second user over the network by the first user, and for playing back second media associated with the second message.

*Examiner point out that means for composing a first message by a first user (2 fig.1) and for recording first media associated with the first message to send to a second user (4 fig.1) over a network to provide the creation of video email messages and transferring of those*

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*email messages to a conventional email client, see abstract, figs.1, 2B, 2C, col.3 line 17 to col.4 line 49, see abstract, figs.1, 2B, 2C, col.3 line 17 to col.4 line 49) and means for viewing a second message received from the second user over the network by the first user, and for playing back second media associated with the second message (i.e., playing back the audio and video portions of the received video email, see figs.5, 6, col.3 line 17 to col.4 line 49, col.5 line 12 to col.6 line 54).*

*Claims 2-7, 9-17, 19, 21, 23 and 24 are dependent on claims 1, 8, 18, 20 and 22 respectively. Therefore, they are rejected at least for the same reasons set forth above to claims 1, 8, 18, 20 and 22 or for other reasons set forth in the previous office action filed on September 8, 2003 [see Paper No. 10]. With all above given reasons, the rejections for claims 1-24 are respectfully maintained.*

### **Conclusion**

5. Claims 1-24 are rejected.

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any

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extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Khanh Dinh whose telephone number is 703-308-8528. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

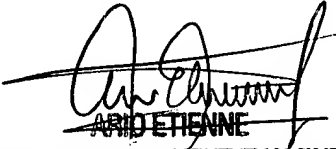
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenton Burgess can be reached on (703) 305-4792. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned to be (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-9600.

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